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Saint Joseph, Pray for us

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Bible Verse for the week: 1 Cor. 15:58

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Mass Intentions:

Mon. April 27 Pathma de Silva +
Tues. April 28 Chris Kaluski health [cancer]
Wed. April 29 Franco Pederzini +
Thurs. April 30 Cecilia Dias +
Fri. May 1 Zachary Restiaux health
Sat. May 2 Vitaliano Marchet +
Sun. May 3 Chona Jomilla + 11th d/a

For a list of **live-streaming Masses** in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and beyond, please go to the Archdiocesan website: www.rcav.org

CHURCH NEVER STOPS

The Gospel of Mark:

**Good News Announced, Opposed, & Vindicated.
Have you registered for the webinar?**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_Kd236aErTbqFmrYHWclxBg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Kd236aErTbqFmrYHWclxBg)

Saturday April 25, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

Featuring Fr. Nick Meisl

Download a Catholic Bible on your smart phone: easy to use, always available, with commentary: Search for '**New Community Bible app**', install and enjoy!

Please Pray for all our Ailing Parishioners.

Stewardship Reflection:

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's that a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

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Ways to support the Parish financially during Pandemic:

1. Most cost effective way: Sign up for a free **Pre-authorized Debit**. Contact the Parish office. Void cheque needed.
2. **Drop off your Sunday envelopes** at the Parish Office.
3. You can make donations on our Parish web site **through PayPal**. They take a commission of about 3.5%!
4. Donate through secure web site of the Archdiocese. You can use **Master Card/VISA**. It takes a commission of about 4.5%.

A thought from today's 2nd Reading: 1 Pet. 18, 19

¹⁸ **You know that you were ransomed ... not with perishable things like silver or gold,** ¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ ...**

Slavery was common in the ancient world. It exists even today in various subtle ways. If someone pays enough money for you (the slave himself is powerless to do this), you can be free!

Peter compares human condition to slavery. Through sin we have become slaves of the evil one. The only one who can buy us back is God Himself. *We are powerless to do it on our own.* God becomes man in Christ and pays with his blood (i.e. his life) to buy us back from slavery. Now, we can be free if we bind ourselves to Christ. This is the meaning of surrendering ourselves to Christ. He has already paid for us in full. We need to claim it by allowing Him to mark us with His blood!

Do we accept **Jesus' freedom** or prefer the 'freedom of the devil' which is slavery now and for eternity.

Fr. George